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Application Number	10/670,143
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Machine and method for bunching plant stems

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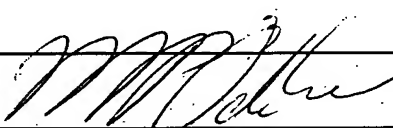
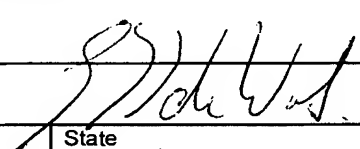
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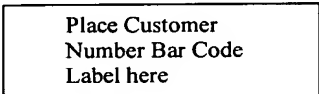
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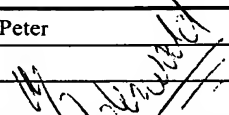
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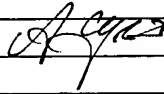
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